Get Outside!
Look, Listen, Touch and Smell!

Explore your neighborhood!
New England’s forests and woodlands are home to many animals, trees and plants, fungi, and lichen. At your house, in the park, or on a walk, take a moment to explore the natural world in your neighborhood through sights, sounds, feel, and smell. You might be surprised by what you find!

Look!
Many forest animals make their habitat in places where we work and play. Some animals you might see in your habitat or neighborhood are tadpoles, chipmunks, frogs, beetles, squirrels, and birds. Look for animals up high in trees and next to rocks, peek under plants, peer deep into puddles and ponds. What animals do you find?

Listen!
At the Museum, you heard sounds from the New England Forest such as birds singing, crickets chirping, and a bee buzzing. Sit quietly, close your eyes and listen closely. What sounds do you hear in your habitat?

Touch!
There are many different kinds of trees in New England’s forests. Some trees have rough, bumpy bark and others have smooth bark. The bark protects the trees just like clothes protect us. Touch the bark of different trees in your neighborhood. What do they feel like?

Smell!
The natural world has many smells for us to experience. Take a deep breath in through your nose. Pick out each smell your nose senses.

Imagine eating your house or apartment building!
Fungi, bacteria, and animals use old logs as places to live as well as something to eat.
Find an old log or stump, look closely, is there someone living inside it or eating it for lunch?